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FOR: A METHOD, SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR CONTROLLING AND BROWSING A VIRTUAL BOOK

**LETTER**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Singaporean Written Opinion for the Examiner's consideration.  
The reference(s) cited therein have been previously filed on October 28, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

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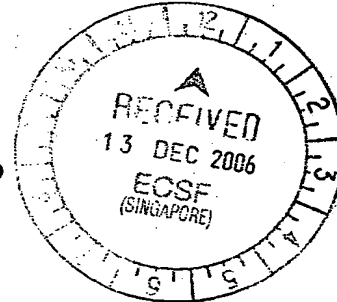
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Dear Sir,

Singapore Patent Application No.: 200604951-4  
Title of invention: A METHOD, SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
FOR CONTROLLING AND BROWSING VIRTUAL BOOK  
Applicant(s): E-BOOK SYSTEMS PTE LTD. (SG)

## INVITATION TO RESPOND TO WRITTEN OPINION

We forward with this letter a copy of the Written Opinion drawn up by the Examiner in connection with your request for an Examination Report.

You are invited to respond to the opinion by submitting:

- (a) Written submissions or arguments disagreeing with the Examiner's opinion and/or
- (b) An amendment of the specification of the application.

If you intend to respond, the response must be filed within 5 months from the date of this letter. You are also advised to inform us early if you do not intend to respond.

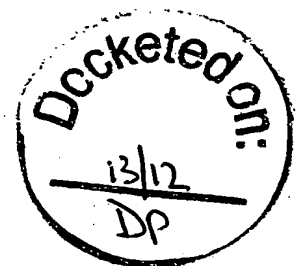
The Examiner will proceed to establish the Examination Report if no response is received by the end of the prescribed period.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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# **AUSTRALIAN PATENT OFFICE**

## **WRITTEN OPINION**

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>1999SG39/MHK/CJM/RTB</b>		Date of mailing <i>day/month/year</i> <b>27 NOV 2006</b>
REPLY DUE within FIVE MONTHS of the date of the Registrar's letter enclosing the written opinion		
Application No. <b>SG 200604951-4</b>	Application Filing Date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) <b>05 February 2004</b>	Priority Date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) <b>05 February 2004</b>
International Patent Classification (IPC) (as indicated in the search report) Int. Cl. <b>G09G 5/00 (2006.01)</b> Action Date: 21 November 2006		
Applicant <b>E-BOOK SYSTEMS PTE LTD. (SG)</b>		

1. This First written opinion consists of a total of 4 sheets.
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:
  - I ☒ Basis of the opinion
  - II ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
  - III ☐ Lack of unity of invention
  - IV ☒ Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
  - V ☐ Certain documents cited
  - VI ☐ Certain defects in the application
  - VII ☒ Certain observations on the application
3. This opinion is based upon the assumption that the priority claim is valid.
4. The search report used was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and the date of completion is: **01 October 2004**
5. If no reply is filed, the examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.
6. The date by which the examination report will be established is: **05 May 2008**

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. This opinion has been drawn on the basis of:

☒ the application as originally filed.

☐ the description, pages , as originally filed,  
pages , filed with the request,  
pages , received on with the letter of

☐ the claims, pages , as originally filed,  
pages , filed with the request,  
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☐ the drawings, sheets/fig. , as originally filed,  
sheets/fig. , filed with the request,  
sheets/fig. , received on with the letter of

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
pages , as originally filed  
pages , filed with the demand  
pages , received on with the letter of

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: pages:  
sheets of drawings/figures No :

3. ☐ This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box.

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

**IV. Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	32	YES
	Claims	1-31, 33-54	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-54	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-54	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations**

D1- US 6486895 B1  
D2- US 6028603 A

> Filed Oct 28, 2004

D1 relates to a system that displays lists of related pages (in a book metaphor) down loaded from World Wide Web, two active pages are displayed at a time (left and right page objects with proper axis of rotation for each), the changing of pages is animated, interface controls are provided for traversing the pages, creating bookmarks, scanning pages, sealing the contents of a page, scrolling through the pages (see, in particular, column 3 line 33 to column 4 line 4, column 4 line 62 to column 5 line 24, column 6 lines 30-57, column 7 lines 14-36, column 8 lines 60-66, column 9 lines 7-59, column 10 line 15 to column 11 line 15; figures 3, 5, 11-13).

D2 relates to method and apparatus for providing a user interface for using a collection of digital media in a digital processing system (see, in particular, abstract, claims, figure 8b (803)).

All the special technical features of the invention, as defined in any of the independent claims 1 or 42, are disclosed in D1. Therefore, these claims are not novel (nor inventive). The dependent claims 2-31, 33-41 and 43-54 do not add any thing to the claims they refer to, to make them novel or inventive, therefore, these claims are also not novel or inventive. Claim 32 is novel over D1 because of "selecting a folder to be previewed" is not mentioned in D1. However, figure 8b (803) in D2 shows the disclosure of "selecting a folder to be previewed". Therefore, claim 32 is novel but not inventive in the light of D1 and D2 combined.

**VII. Certain observations on the application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

- ☒ The claimed invention is patentable according to Section 13(2); or
- ☐ The claimed invention is unpatentable according to Section 13(2) because: